

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (previously presented) A holder for elongated objects, such as pipes or cables , having a mounting portion for attaching the holder to a substrate, a pair of holder arms fixedly connected to one another at one end and providing a U-shaped holding portion with a trough open at the top to receive and support an elongated object longitudinally in the trough along a longitudinal axis of the trough parallel to a bottom wall of the trough, and having a slide defining a longitudinal extension of the trough along the longitudinal axis to receive and support the object longitudinally, wherein the slide has a retaining element movable from an open position to a closed position in response to movement of the slide longitudinally into the trough along the longitudinal axis, wherein, in the closed position, the retaining element at least partly closes an opening between free ends of the holder arms, wherein the U-shaped holding portion comprises a guide extending longitudinally of the trough between the arms of the holding portion along the longitudinal axis to

guide the slide for movement longitudinally into the trough along the longitudinal axis, and the retaining element, in the open position, is located at least partly outside of the holding portion at one end of the guide, and is located inside the guide in the closed position.

2. (previously presented) A holder for elongated objects, such as pipes or cables , having a mounting portion for attaching the holder to a substrate, a pair of holder arms fixedly connected to one another at one end and providing a U-shaped holding portion with a trough open at the top to accommodate an elongated object longitudinally in the trough, and having a slide with a retaining element movable from an open position to a closed position in response to movement of the slide longitudinally of the trough, wherein, in the closed position, the retaining element at least partly closes an opening between free ends of the holder arms, wherein the U-shaped holding portion comprises a guide extending longitudinally of the trough of the holding portion to guide the slide for movement longitudinally along the trough, and the retaining element, in the open position, is located at least partly outside of the holding portion at one end of the guide, and is located inside the guide in the closed position, characterized in

that the retaining element is connected to the holding portion in a position corresponding to the open position by bridges of material that can readily be broken when the retaining element is moved to the closed position.

3. (previously presented) A holder for elongated objects, such as pipes or cables , having a mounting portion for attaching the holder to a substrate, a pair of holder arms fixedly connected to one another at one end and providing a U-shaped holding portion with a trough open at the top to receive and support an elongated object longitudinally in the trough, and having a slide defining a longitudinal extension of the trough to receive and support the object longitudinally, wherein the slide has a retaining element movable from an open position to a closed position in response to movement of the slide longitudinally into the trough, wherein, in the closed position, the retaining element at least partly closes an opening between free ends of the holder arms, wherein the U-shaped holding portion comprises a guide extending longitudinally of the trough between the arms of the holding portion to guide the slide for movement longitudinally into and along the trough, and the retaining element, in the open position, is located at least partly

outside of the holding portion at one end of the guide, and is located inside the guide in the closed position,

characterized in that the retaining element comprises a wedge-shaped segment located outside of a longitudinal projection of the opening in the open position, and entering the opening through displacement of the retaining element to the closed position and at least partially closing the opening, in order thereby to secure in place an elongated object present in the trough.

Claim 4 (cancelled)

5. (previously presented) A holder for elongated objects, such as pipes or cables, having a mounting portion for attaching the holder to a substrate, a pair of holder arms fixedly connected to one another at one end and providing a U-shaped holding portion with a trough open at the top to receive and support an elongated object longitudinally in the trough, and having a slide defining a longitudinal extension of the trough to receive and support the object longitudinally, wherein the slide has a retaining element movable from an open position to a closed position in response to movement of the slide longitudinally into the trough, wherein, in the closed

position, the retaining element at least partly closes an opening between free ends of the holder arms, wherein the U-shaped holding portion comprises a guide extending longitudinally of the trough between the arms of the holding portion to guide the slide for movement longitudinally into and along the trough, and the retaining element, in the open position, is located at least partly outside of the holding portion at one end of the guide, and is located inside the guide in the closed position,

characterized in that the retaining element is connected at an anterior end to an anterior end of the slide and is movable relative to the slide by pressure on a posterior end of the slide to move the slide into the guide in the holding portion.

6. (previously presented) A holder for elongated objects, such as pipes or cables, having a mounting portion for attaching the holder to a substrate, a pair of holder arms fixedly connected to one another at one end and providing a U-shaped holding portion with a trough open at the top to accommodate an elongated object, and having a retaining element movable from an open position to a closed position, in which it at least partly closes an opening between free ends of the holder arms, characterized in that

the U-shaped holding portion comprises a guide extending longitudinally of the trough of the holding portion, and the retaining element, in the open position, is located at least partly outside of the holding portion at one end of the guide, and is located inside the guide in the closed position,

characterized in that the retaining element is movably held on a slide movable longitudinally in the guide of the holding portion,

characterized in that the retaining element is connected at an anterior end to an anterior end of the slide and is movable relative to the slide by pressure on a posterior end of the slide to move the slide into the guide in the holding portion, and

characterized in that the connection between the anterior end of the retaining element and the anterior end of the slide comprises an elastically deformable segment which holds the retaining element in the open position, and, upon movement of the slide to the closed position, makes possible the closing movement of the retaining element by elastic deformation.

7. (previously presented) A holder according to Claim 1, characterized in that the retaining element on an

upper edge has a rib disposed to overlies and contact an elongated object in the closed position.

8. (previously presented) A holder for elongated objects, such as pipes or cables, having a mounting portion for attaching the holder to a substrate, a pair of holder arms fixedly connected to one another at one end and providing a U-shaped holding portion with a trough open at the top to receive and support an elongated object longitudinally in the trough, and having a slide defining a longitudinal extension of the trough to receive and support the object longitudinally, wherein the slide has a retaining element movable from an open position to a closed position in response to movement of the slide longitudinally into the trough, wherein, in the closed position, the retaining element at least partly closes an opening between free ends of the holder arms, wherein the U-shaped holding portion comprises a guide extending longitudinally of the trough between the arms of the holding portion to guide the slide for movement longitudinally into and along the trough, and the retaining element, in the open position, is located at least partly outside of the holding portion at one end of the guide, and is located inside the guide in the closed position,

characterized in that the retaining element has the shape of a wedge connected by its thinner end to the anterior end of the slide.

9. (previously presented) A holder for elongated objects, such as pipes or cables, having a mounting portion for attaching the holder to a substrate, a pair of holder arms fixedly connected to one another at one end and providing a U-shaped holding portion with a trough open at the top to receive and support an elongated object longitudinally in the trough, and having a slide defining a longitudinal extension of the trough to receive and support the object longitudinally, wherein the slide has a retaining element movable from an open position to a closed position in response to movement of the slide longitudinally into the trough, wherein, in the closed position, the retaining element at least partly closes an opening between free ends of the holder arms, wherein the U-shaped holding portion comprises a guide extending longitudinally of the trough between the arms of the holding portion to guide the slide for movement longitudinally into and along the trough, and the retaining element, in the open position, is located at least partly



outside of the holding portion at one end of the guide, and is located inside the guide in the closed position,

characterized in that the holding portion of the holder comprises a prism-shaped guide groove engaged by a guide segment configured at an anterior end of the slide.

10. (previously presented) A holder according to Claim 1, characterized in that the slide at a posterior end comprises arms opposed to the holder arms and contacting the holder arms in the closed position.

11. (original) A holder according to Claim 10, characterized in that, on the holder arms and/or on arms of the slide, catches or latches operative in the closed position are provided, to secure the slide in the closed position.

12. (previously presented) A holder for elongated objects, such as pipes or cables, having a mounting portion for attaching the holder to a substrate, a pair of holder arms fixedly connected to one another at one end and providing a U-shaped holding portion with a trough open at the top to accommodate an elongated object, and having a retaining element movable from an open position to a closed

position, in which it at least partly closes an opening between free ends of the holder arms, characterized in that the U-shaped holding portion comprises a guide extending longitudinally of the trough of the holding portion, and the retaining element, in the open position, is located at least partly outside of the holding portion at one end of the guide, and is located inside the guide in the closed position,

characterized in that the retaining element is movably held on a slide movable longitudinally in the guide of the holding portion,

characterized in that the slide at a posterior end comprises arms opposed to the holder arms and contacting the holder arms in the closed position, and

characterized in that, on the holder arms or on the arms of the slide, spring tongues are arranged, bearing hooks at their free ends, grasping the slide and/or the holding portion in the closed position.

13. (previously presented) A holder according to Claim 1, characterized in that the slide is fastenable to the holding portion in two closed positions arranged at a distance from one another.

14. (original) A holder according to Claim 1, characterized in that the holder is symmetrically configured with respect to a plane of symmetry dividing the trough longitudinally and is provided with two retaining elements opposed to one another.

15. (previously presented) A holder according to Claim 1, characterized in that surfaces of the holder, disposed to contact an elongated object , are provided with an adhesion layer of a soft synthetic material or of rubber.

16. (currently amended) A holder for an elongated object, comprising:

a first part defining a trough for receiving and supporting the object longitudinally along a longitudinal axis of the trough parallel to a bottom wall of the trough, wherein the trough has an opening at a top thereof opposite to the bottom wall and is substantially U-shaped in cross-section; and

a second part defining a trough that has an opening at a top thereof opposite to a bottom wall thereof and is substantially u-shaped in cross-section and that is a longitudinal extension of the trough of the first part

along the longitudinal axis for also receiving and supporting the object longitudinally,

wherein the second part is a slide constructed so that the second part can be moved longitudinally into the trough of the first part along the longitudinal axis, and wherein the second part has a retaining element that moves over the object to hold the object on the holder in response to insertion of the second part into the trough of the first part.

17. (previously presented) A holder according to Claim 16, wherein the retaining element is moved to a closed position by a wedging action as the second part moves into the trough of the first part.

18. (previously presented) A holder according to Claim 16, wherein the first part has a mounting element below its trough for attaching the first part to a substrate.

19. (previously presented) A holder for an elongated object, comprising:

a first part defining a trough for receiving the elongated object longitudinally; and

a second part defining an extension of the trough of the first part for also receiving the elongated object longitudinally,

wherein the second part is a slide constructed so that the second part can be moved longitudinally into the trough of the first part, and wherein the second part has a retaining element that moves over the object to hold the object on the holder in response to insertion of the second part into the trough of the first part, and

wherein the second part is initially connected to the first part by frangible elements that are broken in response to pressure exerted on the second part to move the second part into the trough of the first part.

20. (previously presented) A holder according to claim 16, wherein the first and second parts have cooperable fastening elements for fastening the second part to the first part upon insertion of the second part into the trough of the first part.

21. (cancelled).